

ABSTRACT

Method and system are disclosed for selecting a tunnel server in a virtual private network that is closest to a user device. The user device may be equipped with location reporting equipment, such as a GPS module. When the user device connects to the VPN,
5 it automatically uses the tunnel server that is nearest based on geographical coordinates provided by the location reporting equipment. Selection of the closest tunnel server may be performed by the user device itself, or it may be performed by a network server. Where more than one tunnel servers are near to the user device, the tunnel server may be selected based on load balancing objectives.